

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-2, 6-7, 9 and 14-15 are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 3-5, 8, 10-13 and 16 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-5, 8, 10-13 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten so as to not depend on a rejected claim. The Examiner has also objected to the title.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging receipt of Applicant's priority documents and for approving Applicant's formal drawings. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for returning an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 14, 2003.

NEW TITLE

The title has been amended as shown above. Applicant submits that the new title overcomes the Examiner's objection. If, after this Amendment, the Examiner considers the title to still be non-descriptive, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to propose a new title.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 3 and 8 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1. Claims 10 and 16 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 9.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

As each of the rejected claims has been cancelled, Applicant submits that the claim rejections are moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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As the Examiner has indicated that claims 3-5, 8, 10-13 and 16 are allowable and as all rejected claims have been cancelled, Applicant submits that each pending claim is now in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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